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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on July 26, 2007, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the front page of the patent application publication only includes one of the five inventors.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable “only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within **two months** from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable.” A material mistake must affect the public’s ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

The request for corrected publication, received on July 26, 2007, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

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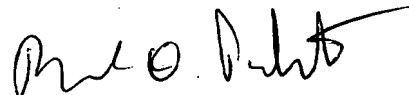
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